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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

The references listed on the attached Form 1449 have been cited in either the International Search Report or International Preliminary Examination Report of corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/DE05/000617, or have been cited in the German Search Report of the pending, priority German Application No. DE 20 2004 005 855.3. Reference WO 9737627 is discussed in the specification of the present application.

References DE 3429392, WO 0174289 and DE 2990814 are not in the English language. However, English language abstracts are attached. Therefore, Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609 a concise explanation of the non-English language information has been provided.

Reference DE 3034051 corresponds to US 4,345,352 which is listed on the enclosed form 1449.

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in 37 CFR §1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited reference to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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